Acquisition to MIG-29 aircraft

377. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to acquire some more MIG-29 fighter aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when those additional MIG-29 are proposed to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Government have acquired a certain number of MIG-29 aircrafts for the Indian Air Force. Divulging any more details in this regard would not be in the public interest.

Eyes collected by Eye-Banks

378 SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eyes collected by different eye banks in the country every year;

(b) the number of such eyes which reach the corneal surgeons in an "Unusable condition";

(c) the number of eye surgeons who do the work of corneal grafting regularly;

(d) the number of eye banks which are inactive; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to collect more eyes by specially trained eye surgeons and see that they are preserved in usable condition?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) According to available information, the number of eyes collected is as under:—

1984	2328
1985	2812
1986	4994

(b) Approximately 10 per cent eyes are not suitable for Keratoplasty Operation.

(c) All qualified eye surgeons are trained to do the work of corneal grafting. The corneal grafting can be done only in institution where the required facilities and door material are available. Information about the number of eye surgeons performing Keratoplasty regularly is not available.

(d) According to 1986 data approximately 63 out of 87 eye banks are receiving less than 20 eyes per year for Keratoplasty.

(e) These steps include financial assistance to eye banks, more medical education in eye banking, training of medical officers for enucleation of cadaver eyes.

Labour Force in the country

379. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated size of the labour force in the country in September, 1988;

(b) the percentage of the labour force which is wholly or particularly employed;

(c) whether employment has been defined in terms of minimum number of mandays of work and minimum daily earnings; and

(d) if so, the estimated extent of underemployment and seasonal employment in the urban and rural areas separately with reference to the above definition?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI